Wow, what a great day we had last Thursday, our Carnival of Words Day. I cannot thank our readers enough for their participation in the day. It is just a brilliant opportunity for our children to witness a huge range of literature and reading styles.

I have always believed it to be a very special day, but it is great to hear from people who have never experienced it before and listen to their reactions. Mark Campling, the Assistant Director General of Education absolutely raved about the day, the quality of our students and the great job the Year 7’s did leading the groups around. He wanted to get back to Brisbane and tell his colleagues, who said no to our invitation, what a day they had missed out on.


Of course the day would not have been as successful if we didn’t have our workers providing lunch for the readers, so special thank you to Janine Van B who coordinated the luncheon and her willing helpers Michelle Moyce and Kathleen Callister for also giving up your day for our readers.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new School website went live last Thursday afternoon. While the new website is totally different from our old website and I am not really happy with our new site in its present form, I plan to put lots of work into the site over the next few months to make it a really useful place for our School community to find information.

With our old site, we could make pages as we wanted and our new site doesn’t give us that option as new pages have to fit into the new format. I will certainly work hard to make this new site a real ‘Beechmont’ website.

Have a look at www.beechmontss.eq.edu.au

Perhaps one of the most useful sections of the website for current parents will be the page, ‘Parent resources’. This page under the orange tab on the right hand side, ‘Support and resources’ contains all of the relevant notes that have been sent home.

As a note reaches its use by date, then I will remove the note from the page so it doesn’t get too cluttered and the notes will remain relevant. If your child is not too flash at bringing home notes, perhaps it might be a good idea to log on once a week and check out this page.

At present on this page is,
- Out of the Box attendance form for the Prep, Year 1/2 and 2/3 classes
- Disco help form for all parents
- Parent and Teacher Discussion form for all parents
- Tea Towel order form for all families
- Combined Band Day transport form for parents of Senior Band students

TEA TOWELS ARE BACK

We have attached another order form for the tea towels to today’s newsletter (with the correct return date, not sure what I was thinking last time!).

ORDERS CLOSE THIS THURSDAY 31ST MAY. Please complete and return by THURSDAY so you don’t miss out on this amazing keepsake.

If your child hasn’t brought it home, you can get it from the website at Support and Resources / Parent resources.

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COMING EVENTS

MAY
Wed 30 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 31 Opti-MINDS 3pm to 5pm
Thu 31 Instrumental Music – bring instruments

JUNE
Fri 01 Parade 8.50am
Mon 04 School Writing Competition starts
Tue 05 Senior Band to Fanfare
Wed 06 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 06 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 07 Combined Senior Band Day at Canungra
Thu 07 Opti MINDS 3 – 5pm
Fri 08 School Cleaner’s Day
Fri 08 Celebrity Disco 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Hall
Mon 11 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 13 Prep, 1/2, 2/3 to Out of the Box Festival

PARENT + TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
Reports come home on Friday 15th June and the following week has been set aside for Parent and Teacher discussions. These discussions take part from Monday 18th June to Thursday 21st June. We try to accommodate your requested times as best we can.
A booking form will come home in the next few weeks or else you can fill it in now from our new website at Support and Resources / Parent resources

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual athletics carnival is coming up on Friday 15th June. This is a day we hope lots of parents can come along to join in the colour and excitement of the day.
We usually have time for a parent tug of war in house teams which really brings a lot of excitement to the day for the children.
The day before on Thursday 14th June we have three field rotations so that on the Friday we only have the one field rotation to get through.
Please try to join us on Friday 15th June as it is really a great day.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN
I was going to put a Woolies Earn and Learn sticker chart on our new website, but the rules seem to indicate that the stickers must be on an ‘original’ sticker card.
So if you don’t have a sticker card, simply send your stickers to School and we’ll put them on a sticker card for you.

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS
Coles Sport for School is back again for another year and starts on 13th June and finishes on August 14th. From looking at the website, it appears that it will operate in a similar way to what it did last year. Shop, ask for vouchers from the person in front of you that isn’t collecting them, add them to your vouchers and send them to School!
This year we received some fantastic sporting gear and hopefully will get even more gear for our children and local sporting groups.

SENIOR BAND TO FANFARE
Our Senior Band will be competing in the State-wide Fanfare competition on Tuesday 5th June. Children need to return the form that was recently sent home, along with $10 to partially cover the cost of the bus. The Connie Groom Trust will cover the rest of the bus cost.
Please ensure that the form is returned and your child has the correct uniform, black pants, shoes and socks and school shirt.

COMBINED BAND DAY AT CANUNGRA
Our next combined Band Day will be held at Canungra School on Thursday 7th June. We will need transport to get the children to and from Canungra. Please refer to the note that has come home so we can organize transport so that all children can participate in this very important musical day.

SCHOOL CLEANERS DAY
School Cleaner’s Day is Friday 8th June. We would like to acknowledge our School cleaners, Sue Denning and Marj Pholi on this important day. So if you are able to help your child make a simple card for our cleaners that would certainly add to their special day.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Just a reminder that the Queens Birthday Public Holiday is on Monday 11th June. School does not operate on this day.

OUT OF THE BOX
The Prep, Year 1/2, and Year 2/3 and Year 3 children in the 3/4 class have the opportunity to attend this festival on Wednesday 13th June at Southbank Brisbane.
A note came home last week and this needs to be returned by this Friday 1st June so that all
arrangements can be made. If you missed the note it can be found on our new website under Support and resources / Parent resources.

**CELEBRITY DISCO**

Our 2nd disco for the year happens on Friday 8th June. We really need lots of help to make this a safe activity for our children. Please complete the volunteer form and return to School by Tuesday 5th June so we can share the load and have a lot of people willing to help so the burden isn’t left to a few. Come on, dress up and join in the fun.

**P & C DAY**

Last Friday was P&C day. This day has been organized by the State P&C body to recognize the hard work from our Parents & Citizens Association.

We are incredibly lucky here at Beechmont to have such a hard working P&C committee who constantly go above and beyond and beyond the call of duty for our children and community.

Without our P&C there would be no tuckshop, no uniform shop, no before and after school care, no vacation care and much more.

Last year our P&C spent $40,000 upgrading the two main playgrounds. This year they plan to upgrade a lot of the computers.

As a School, without our P&C Association we would be lost and couldn’t financially afford to provide all the resources for our children.

Thank you Michael Kenyon, Renae Knowles, Joy Carter and Wendy Blunt for all you do for our children. Also Julie Ayers, Janine Van B, Michelle Moyce, Kathleen Callister Kim Sami who all give a massive amount of hours working with the P&C.

**WORKING BEE**

Our next Working Bee will be held on Sunday 29th July, from 8am – 12 noon. We do have quite a number of jobs that need doing around the School and hopefully we can get a great roll up and really hit a number of these jobs on the head.

We provide lunch and drinks, we just ask that you provide the man and woman power and also a few tools would help out too. Please put this date in your diaries and phones and I look forward to seeing a heap of people on the 29th July. More details soon.

**NUT FREE LUNCHBOX RECIPE**

**Date and Cream Cheese Spread**

This recipe is low Gi, low sugar and high fibre. It’s a great nut free spread for lunches and snacks.

**Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dates
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice

In a small bowl, combine all the ingredients. Spread over your favourite sandwich, wrap, bagel or cracker.

Adapted from: http://www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Orange-Date-Spread

Welcome to Mountain Mates News

For dinner this Thursday we are having Crumbed Chicken drumsticks with smashed potatoes & vegetables followed by golden waffles & icecream.

Last Thursday was another week for the Boys at the Rewards Table with Casta & Tyne having the opportunity to enjoy dinner with their friends. Casta invited Lachlan A and Tyne invited Jack S. Well done boys.

With 3 weeks left this Term we are working on our Vacation Care program which will be on the newsletter next week.

**THE PRIME MINISTERS OLYMPIC CHALLENGE BEGAN ON MONDAY 28th MAY. Time to start recording your activity!!!**

Mountain Mates is taking part in the challenge by encouraging and inspiring our children to get active, have fun and earn rewards by playing sport.

This is a 77 day challenge leading up to the London Olympic Games. We will be issuing parental consent forms to allow us to enter your children into the challenge. They will then receive a unique identification log in to access the website and enter their sporting activities. We will also be entering all of the activities they do at Mountain Mates.

At the completion of the challenge the children will receive gold, silver or bronze certificates based on how many points they have accumulated. For further information visit www.olympicchallenge.gov.au

We said a BIG farewell to one of our regular After School Care attendees – Obi. We wish Obi & his family all the best with their move to the ocean.

Have a great week and keep warm.

*From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare & Celeste, your Mountain Mates crew.*
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Last week 1_2 enjoyed fruit salad fractions on Friday and we continue to explore fractions in Math this week. Support at home on this topic can occur with discussions about fair (equal) shares and unequal shares, what half of something looks like, and for Year 2 awareness of quarters and eighths. The Year 1’s continue to need practice in their doubles facts as they are not yet demonstrating instant recall of these.

In Literacy we are exploring the language in ‘Giraffes Can’t Dance’ and continuing to focus on adjectives, verbs and adverbs and how these can be used to build a picture of a character.

Children should now bring to school the materials they have gathered for their wind chime project. Please put the materials in a bag labelled clearly with your child’s name.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Ryan Gaffney for the Intrepica Leaderboard, Mikaela Chippington for her improved spelling and organisation, and Tane Tari for his enthusiastic participation in class discussions.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryo8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This week children have received homework: two handwriting sheets, their spelling words and a verb sheet on words that mean said. Some children books went home unmarked due to the amount of time I have been spending on writing this semester’s reports. My apologies; I will catch up on the marking this weekend.

Also just a reminder to keep bringing in the Out of the Box excursion return slips. Please do this as soon as possible so we can finalise numbers.

Have a great week,
Demelza dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

We will not have a normal homework grid again this week as we finish off a number of assessment tasks for the semester. The children will bring home a note regarding homework today. Revision of various concepts covered this semester will be included for homework over the next few weeks. The children are still learning and consolidating a variety of mental strategies in Maths and these will be included in homework on an ongoing basis.

In spelling, the class has had a recent test of words covered in the various spelling groups throughout the semester. Any words and spelling strategies that the children have had difficulty with will now be part of the homework for the next few weeks.

We are now beginning a new unit of work in Science relating to “Erosion” and the forces of nature on Earth. The children showed that they had a sound grasp of the work covered on Life and Living.

We are currently organising a three day (two night) camp for Year 3-4 and Year 2-3 which will likely be held in early Term 4 (October). The cost of the camp will be approximately $200 per child. We are attempting to keep costs down as much as possible but this is now the normal cost for most camps over three days. More details will be sent home in the near future.

Have a great week.
Regards, Dan. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Our class would like to welcome the newest addition to our class Jessie Kelly-Gale.

Camp notices will be issued in the coming weeks. We are going to Camp Goodenough in week 3 of term 3. Although this seems a distance away, the time will be upon us before we realise. Please fill out the notes and relevant details as soon as possible to ensure smooth preparations.

Award winners for week 6 were: Emma Bennett, Grace Harrison and Zoe Hoareau. Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week.
Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Apologies to all students, I did not get around to marking homework on the weekend, it was a bit of a busy weekend. I didn’t realise until I was driving to the Sunshine Coast on Sunday for the four day course that I am on this week. So this weekend, I will have two lots to do.

The majority of children continue to put in lots of effort with their weekly spelling and number facts. The thing we focus on each week is whether or not they have improved on their previous week’s score. It is not about getting 100%, but about showing improvement from week to week. Congratulations to those students that are putting in the effort, it is very obvious to see which ones are doing this on a weekly basis.

Have a great week, warm regards,
Tanya Stanley & David Murphy tstan15@eq.edu.au & dmurp19@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
A Recycle container is in the School Administration foyer for you to leave your old printer cartridges; both ink jet and laser cartridges are taken Canon, HP, Lexmark and Epson only.

In June QPAC presents Out Of the Box Festival for Children. We expect to see 50,000 little ones pass through our building over the 6 day festival which is all about creativity, imagination and serious fun! This year we have a glorious and vibrant program of performances, workshops, and free events across the entire Cultural Centre. This is a really great excursion for our younger students exposing them to a range of wonderful activities. For more information visit, www.outoftheboxfestival.com.au

LOST/MISSING CLARINET

A new clarinet has gone missing for the past three weeks. The brand is Odyssey and it did have a sticker on the bottom of the case with Sage's name.

Could Parents please check that their child did not bring the wrong instrument home by mistake.

If found please return to the school Office-Thankyou.

Beechmont Netball Club News

Despite the cold, windy start to Saturday’s game, we once again had a terrific turnout for the shooting clinic being run by SCNA. The girls that have been attending this clinic each week are certainly improving in their technique and confidence in the goal circle and this is evident in their performances on the court.

This week the Beechmont Netball spectators all went home minus their fingernails after three of the four teams were involved in incredibly close games. The Eagles were without Coach Kim this week, but thankfully Coach Jamie stepped in and did a fantastic job leading the team. Unfortunately they went down by only one goal in a terrifically hard-fought match against Jets. The Eagles managed to hang onto an early lead and steal the win from a very fast finishing Technix Tiaras team. However, the Saints were not so lucky in a very physical, see-sawing match which saw the lead change 7 times. They unfortunately fell short by 1 goal against a much improved Magic Minis team. The Tigers simply could not overcome the strength of the “giants” from Technix Troopers this week. This very tall team simply towered over our tiny Tigers who, despite the obvious mismatch in height, put a terrific fight against girls almost twice as their size.

We are halfway through 6-week Shooting course being run by Jules the SCNA Coaching Convenor from 8 am to 10 am on Saturday mornings at the courts. It’s not too late to come down and join in so set the alarm early and join in the fun to develop your shooting skills with some terrific drills and skills.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All jacket orders and payments must be received by Saturday 2nd June (this Saturday) to ensure you don’t miss out!!

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DISCO HELP

☐ Yes, I will be able to help with the School disco on Friday 8th June, at ‘the Hall on Graceleigh’.

☐ I will be able to sit on 1 of the 4 doors so that children stay inside

☐ I will sit at the front door and collect the admission fees

☐ I am happy to do regular checks on the toilets to make sure they are being used appropriately

☐ I am happy to work in the canteen

☐ I am happy to stay after 9pm to help with the clean up

☐ I would be happy to help prior to the disco night with organisation and preparation

Your name: __________________________________________

Best phone contact: ________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________